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Congrats to you &
Sennifer for your work
this year! Dave

Thank Everyone for all
these Help!
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Department of Water Resources

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RE: "THIRD FOLLOW-UP REQUEST" FOR THE CONTINUATION OF ADMINISTRATION IN BASIN
34 PURSUANT TO THE PARTIAL DECREES

Dear Gentlemen:

At the end of the 2003 irrigation season we believe it is appropriate for us to address a few items regarding IDWR's administration and distribution of water supplies in Basin 34. First, we applaud the efforts and actions taken by yourselves and other IDWR administrators in beginning to implement and enforce the operation of the general provisions and the individual water right partial decrees. This is most essential and important given that our basin continues to be under the effects of the prolonged drought. Although it may be some time before all matters of proper administration and distribution are in place, significant progress was made this season. Thank you.

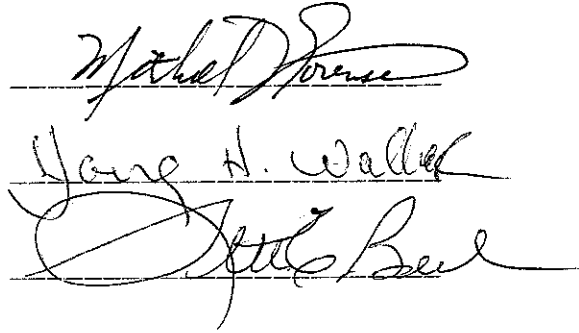
Second, we encourage you to continue your administrative oversight in the regulation of water supplies through-out the basin, and in particular above the Mackay Reservoir. We understand it may take some time for all water users to adjust to this level of administration, but we are confident that proper regulation will result in less water user conflict and social unrest.

Third, in our previous letters dated Feb. 24, 2003 and Mar. 13, 2003 we indicate there is a need for improved accounting procedures regarding water supplies. This continues to be essential whether the surface supplies are diverted into private or common conveyance systems. Not only should this procedure account for diversions from the public resource, but there is a need to verify that the water supply is actually being delivered to the proper user. This matter will become extremely important in future years as conjunctive management and mitigation water supplies are included in distribution and administration. We would be happy to meet with your staff to review what they are currently doing in this regard, and to offer suggestions which would be useful to both administrators and water users. We believe our common goal remains the same. That is to insure that all water

supplies are properly regulated, and build confidence in the related procedures, operations, and usages.

Again we thank you for the progress made, and hope our combined efforts will produce the desired results. Please feel free to contact us as needed.

Sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures are stacked vertically, each written on a horizontal line. The top signature is 'Michael D. Jones', the middle is 'Garry H. Walker', and the bottom is 'Steve Beal'.

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